SUN DANCE OF UTE INDIANS

Grand Junction, Colo., July 3.—At sunset Saturday 300 Ute Indians, from the Uintah and Uncompahgre valleys, finished their three-day sacred sun dance at White Rock, 90 miles from here, and in the center of the desert of the Uintah reservation. It has been the custom of the Utes for years to hold this three-day dance annually. They believe that it will prevent illness among their tribesmen, and especially is it a preventive of consumption.

For seventy-two hours the Indians went without food, except such nourishment as could be sucked from a willow twig carried in the mouth, as they would incessantly prance back and forth and around the sacred trees of the tribe.